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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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By Viola Walden, Secretary to the Editor

God has, in loving mercy, greatly blessed the life and ministry of Dr. Rice. He is a controversial figure.

He is the editor of America's foremost revival weekly.

Last year THE SWORD OF THE LORD had an average of 10,300 more subscribers than the year before.

Dr. Rice's books and pamphlets have reached the amazing total of 18 million copies in some 25 or 26 languages around the world, and a number of his books are the best sellers in the English language on topics including Prayer—Asking and Receiving, Bible Facts About Heaven, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Home: Courtship, Marriage and Children, etc.

In many of America's cities, Dr. Rice held the first city-wide revival campaigns since the days of Billy Sunday, R. A. Torrey, and J. Wilbur Chapman. For example, Seattle, Miami, Cleveland, Buffalo.

It is estimated that more preachers read and use the material in Dr. Rice's sermons than those of any man since Torrey.

By God's mercy the little 24-

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Pilate Before JESUS

By Dr. H. A. Ironside

(Sermon preached Sunday morning, December 22, 1940, at Moody Memorial Church, Chicago. Stenographically reported.)

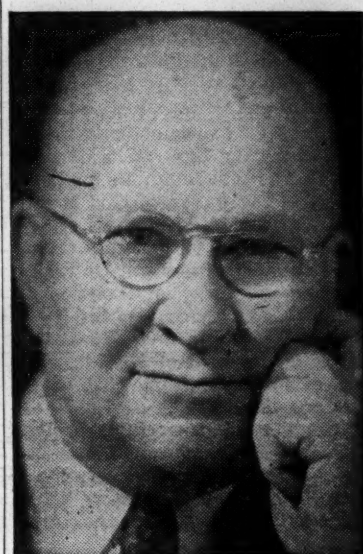


"Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a

place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away."—John 19:1-16.

I had a little question in my mind when I was looking forward to this service as to whether I should continue this morning the exposition in the Gospel of John or whether I should turn aside to some other portion dealing particularly with the great theme of the

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Dr. H. A. Ironside

A Virtuous Woman

By Dr. Monroe Parker, Ph.D., D.D., President Pillsbury Conservative Baptist Bible College, Owatonna, Minnesota

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies."—Prov. 31:10.

The mother of King Lemuel taught him words of wisdom. She taught him by precept and by practice. In the first part of the thirty-first chapter of Proverbs he speaks of the prophecy that his mother taught him, so we see that she taught him by precept. Beginning with verse 10 and reading through verse 31 we find it apparent that she also taught him by example or by practice.

In verse one he mentions his mother. In verses 11 through 31 he describes his mother. In the text he asks, "Who can find a virtuous woman?" Then he says, "Her price is far above rubies."

In different periods the word virtue has stood for various elements of character, but it has always been used to define the best qualities of character. As it is used here—it includes a number of qualities which we find set forth in this chapter. They include trustworthiness, faithfulness, purity, industry, honesty, unselfishness, charity, judgment, social grace, wisdom, kindness, and, of course, the fear of God.

Rubies have always been precious because of their scarcity and their rare beauty. They are very precious today. Recently I saw a ruby-studded bracelet in a window in San Francisco with such a price tag on it that I almost felt as if I were on forbidden territory just looking in the show window. In the day when this text was written rubies were more precious than diamonds. We would do no violence to the text to read it, "Who can find a woman of good Christian character?—for when

you have found her you have found the most valuable thing her size on the face of the earth."

On Mother's Day the churches pay special tribute to Christian mothers and we are caused to think of those qualities which make good mothers great. Those of us who have had the blessing of Christian parents are made especially grateful, and those of us who are parents realize afresh the grave responsibility we have upon us.

She is Trustworthy

"The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall

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Dr. Monroe Parker



Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

EVANGELIST CHARLES A. HIMES, 801 College Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, held a two-week meeting at the Grace Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio, April 13 to 26. Rev. Omer T. Roberts, pastor, reports the church was strengthened with 14 saved, 11 of whom were baptized. There was one addition to the church by letter and a number of decisions among Christians, including 8 men who promised to begin having family altar in the home.

There were 227 in Sunday School the last Sunday of the meeting, the largest Sunday School attendance in over two years. Pastor Roberts recommends Evangelist Himes to any Bible-centered church.

EVANGELIST GLEN H.

SCHUNK, 10 Blythewood Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, has just finished his second successful revival in the Gideon Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas, according to Martin Ralstin, pastor. During the campaign held April 12 through 19, 41 persons were saved and over 30 came to rededicate their lives to the Lord. The pastor highly recommends Evangelist Schunk as a forceful, dynamic preacher emphasizing soul winning.

EVANGELIST DON WILSON, Varsity Village, White Oak Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, recently held a seven-day campaign in the Muskegon Heights Baptist Church of Muskegon Heights.

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The Blessing of Children

By Evangelist John R. Rice

"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it."—Gen. 1:28.

"And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth."—Gen. 9:1.

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."—Psa. 127:3-5.

Everywhere in nature it is a truism that when creatures mate they should have offspring. Among animals, instinct has prepared them to expect little ones. Birds and animals seem to hunger for babies in the family and instinctively know what to do about feeding them and protecting them and training them. And with mankind, it is equally true that naturally people who marry expect children and long for children, except where selfish and immoral reasons cause people to plan to thwart nature.

Let every young couple who marries plan and pray that they may have their home blessed with children. This is the way of duty and the way of happiness.

To Have Children Is a Solemn Duty Commanded of God

The propagation of the race is obviously one of the principal reasons that God ordained marriage. In Genesis 1:27-28 we are told, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

Note the following facts in the Scripture. 1. God created man in His own image. This involves man in God's creative plan. Man, with God, should have part in the creation and propagation of the race. So in I Peter 3:7 we are told that husband and wife are "heirs together of the grace of life." 2. God made them "male and female." This means that the sex equipment of men and women, fitting them for marriage, for love, and the propagation of the race, is essential in God's plan. 3. We are told, "And God blessed them." God blessed them as a married couple. God put His blessing upon the union, and upon their mating. 4. And God commanded, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth." This married couple was plainly commanded

to bear children. Not only were they commanded to have children, but the implication is that they were to have many. They were to "be fruitful," and when we speak of fruitfulness in a vine or tree, or of fertility in an animal, we certainly mean an abundant propagation. And we may properly infer that what God wanted Adam and Eve to do, He wants other married couples to do, and will put His blessings upon them likewise. 5. This man and woman, married, were to subdue the earth, and have dominion over it, largely by virtue of their children. Their destiny on the earth was wrapped up in the propagation of the race and in their having a large number of children.

In some sense Adam and Eve represented all mankind and God's command to them is His command to us. Married people should have children, and God's blessing upon their home depends somewhat upon obedience to this command. Their place in society, their contribution to the world's good depends largely upon having children to do the work the father and mother may give them to do and train them to do.

After the flood had destroyed the millions of population resulting after many centuries from the creation of Adam and Eve down to Noah, God gave Noah the same command which He had given to Adam and Eve before. Genesis 9:1 says, "And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth." Here again every element of God's command to Adam and Eve is repeated. Noah and his sons were commanded, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth." And then there followed the blessed promise that everything on earth was to be put under the care and command of mankind, and fish and fowl and beasts and herbs were given to mankind for meat. It was as if God said to Noah and his sons, "Do not be afraid to have children, many of them. I will provide food for them. I will give them work to do in subduing the earth."

It is important to notice that this command to Noah and to his sons was a command to the whole human race, for all the people on earth descended from the three branches of Noah's family. This is not a part of the Mosaic law. This is long before the time of Moses and the giving of the law and the separation of Israel as a nation. This is a command for all mankind. Married people should "multiply, and replenish the earth."

Some have thought that these commands to "multiply, and replenish the earth," first given to Adam and Eve in Genesis 1:28 and then given to Noah and his sons in Genesis 9:1, were emergency commands when the world had no population. They think that the command of God to multiply and replenish the earth would not be so applicable today when there are some two billions of people on the earth. But there is not a hint anywhere in the Bible that God does not want marriage to result in families of children now as at the beginning. God's plan for marriage then and His plan for marriage now are the same.

If there are more people in the earth today, more people are dying, and someone ought to fill up the ranks. If there were no more children born, then in one generation the whole human race would be wiped out. And, however many people there are in the world, to continue the race we must still follow the command to "multiply, and replenish the earth." God's command fits men today just the same as it fitted Adam and Eve and Noah and his sons and their wives. To have children is a duty of married people everywhere, by the plain command of God.

Let us consider certain reasons why God wants Christians to have families of children.

First, certainly God wants the population of the earth to be as largely Christian in character as possible. Children from Christian homes, taught to love and serve

Faith and Mercy

A man, crossing a dreary moor, came upon a cottage which he visited. "Are you not afraid to live in this lonely place?" asked the visitor of the occupant. "Oh, no," said he, "for faith closes the door at night, and mercy opens it in the morning!"

—Gospel Herald

the Lord, ought to be the salt that saves society. Even if there were enough people in this world, if we had reached the limits of population so that the earth could not well bear an increase in population, then still there are not enough people who come out of Christian homes, with a Christian background, young people who are themselves Christian, won to God in their homes by godly parents. The Christian heritage ought to be spread over the whole world by the children who come out of Christian homes. So if any married couple in the world ought to have a large family of children, it ought to be a Christian couple whose children would be, if reared according to Bible standards, a benediction to the whole world.

Not only in Christian character and ideals can the children of Christian homes affect the civilization of the whole world, but God wants Christian workers, preachers and missionaries, great soul-winners. Nearly all of these have to come from Christian homes. How happy and blessed is a Christian mother who has three or four sons to be ministers and missionaries! And how pleased God is with the children of such a home.

Then a Christian husband owes it to his wife to have children, and a Christian wife owes it to her husband. The selfish woman who does not bear children, or who has only one or two or three, cheats her husband and deprives him of the joy which should normally be a father's. The husband who does not willingly cooperate in the bringing into the world and rearing of a fine group of children, under normal circumstances, may think he is making his wife happy; but in the long run he is depriving her of the natural fulfillment of a woman's dreams, the desire of a mother heart which God put

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By Aunt Joy

THE FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND

(Based on John 6:1-14)

In the land called Galilee, by the clear blue waters of Lake Tiberias, lived a lad with his parents. The boy's father made his living by catching fish in a big coarse net. Sometimes he caught so many his net would break. Then the boy would help his father to mend it and to spread it out on the white sand beach beside the clear blue water.

The boy's home was a square boxlike house, with a steep, narrow stairway on the outside leading to the flat roof. One morning he heard the sound of many people passing. Climbing quickly to the housetop, just as the yellow sun was turning to gold the purple mountains in the east, he saw the crowd. There seemed to be thousands of people. Usually only simple village folk came by the shore road, but these were bearded priests in long white robes, and men in bright turbans and tunics. There, too, were dark-eyed women carrying heavy babies in their arms, and boys and girls in short trousers and tunics. They were all going in the same direction and were talking excitedly. The lad of Galilee became excited, too. Running down the stairway into the room where his mother was baking barley buns for breakfast, he called excitedly, "Mother, there's to be a picnic on the lake shore today. Many people are going. May I not go, too?"

"But, Son, I cannot let you go alone. If your father were here he might go with you, but he went early to the village to buy a new net. The old one can be mended no longer."

"Please, Mother! I saw Andrew in the crowd. He'll take care of me."

"I know him well. Many a time has your father fished in the same boat with him. If you stay close by Andrew no harm can befall you. You may go."

Already the lad was hastening out of the door. "Wait a moment," called his mother. "Who ever heard of going to a picnic without a lunch?" Quickly she flopped two small fish over in hot olive oil, and placed five small rolls in a round basket. Putting the crisp brown fish beside them she covered the lunch with a coarse cloth of flax and gave it to him.

"Run quickly now and catch up with Andrew. Stay close by him so you won't get lost in the crowd."

Away ran the excited lad. Some of the people riding on camels and donkeys had gotten ahead of the rest. The children, too, were running barefoot in front, digging their toes in the soft warm sand; but Andrew was walking slowly with the older men, talking earnestly with them. The boy knew him from a distance by the camel's hair jacket he wore, with the leather girdle about the waist. He soon caught up with his friend and slipped his own small hand within the big work-worn one.

"My mother said I could come if you would take good care of me," he explained.

"How nice!" laughed Andrew. "The Master has been teaching us how to catch men, and I've already caught a little boy. He will be glad."

"Who will be glad?" asked the lad.

"The Master."

"What Master? I thought you were your own master and owned your own boat."

"I was until a short time ago, but now I've left my boat to follow Him."

"I don't see why you did that," exclaimed the boy.

"You will understand when you see Him."

"When shall I see Him?" persisted the lad.

Andrew looked at the child in astonishment and asked, "Whom do you think you are going now to see?"

"I wasn't going to see anybody. I was just going on a picnic with you."

"My son, this isn't a picnic. This

is a feast, for we are going to see Bread that has been sent from heaven, and Water that if you drink of it you will never thirst again. My brother Peter, and my cousins James and John, and some of our friends have gone with the Master by way of the sea, but I came to walk the shore road that I might lead those who are hungry to this Bread."

"I don't understand at all what you are talking about," sighed the boy.

"You will when you see Him," comforted Andrew, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder.

By this time they had reached the northern shore of the lake near the city of Bethsaida, where there were grassy mountains, but which, because there were few trees, was called a desert place. Some of the people were resting on the green grass but most of them crowded about an open space on the crest of the hill. The boy could not see the multitude in front of him, but he heard a Voice. It was as clear as the pipes of the shepherds and as musical as the ripple of the blue water on the white sand beach. Letting go of Andrew's hand, the boy slipped through the crowd to the edge of a wide circle, in the center of which stood a Man dressed like a shepherd with a shepherd's crook in His hand. He was talking about His flock of sheep and how sorry He felt for the lambs that were lost. The boy knew without being told that this was the Master of whom Andrew had spoken. He was too young to understand all that the Master was saying, but he stood still and listened while the morning sun rose higher and grew hotter, until it shone directly overhead. The multitude of people did not seem to mind the glare and the heat. There was silence save for the Voice. Not even a baby cried. The sun seemed the only moving object and it kept traveling westward, until the evening sky glowed crimson and gold. Then friends of the Good Shepherd came to Him and said, "Master, this is a desert place and the day is far spent. Send the multitude away that they may go into the country round about and buy themselves bread, for they have nothing to eat."

The Master answered, "They have no need to go away. Give ye them to eat."

One of Andrew's friends, Philip, replied, "Thirty-four dollars' worth of bread is not enough to give everyone even a little, for there are five thousand men here, besides the women and the children."

The lad overheard what they were saying. Suddenly he remembered that he too was hungry, for he had eaten nothing all day. How glad he was that his mother had fixed him a lunch! He lifted the cover from the basket and looked hungrily on the fragrant barley buns and the crisp brown fish. He started to bite into one of the loaves and then he remembered—surely the Master must be hungry, too, for He had been teaching and healing the people all day. The boy put the food back into the basket and ran with it to Andrew.

"Here, take it to the Master," he begged. "He must be hungrier than I. I'd rather He would have it, anyway."

Andrew lifted the cloth of flax and saw the lad's lunch. Then he went hastily to Jesus. "Master," he said, "there is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish—but what are they among so many?"

Jesus said, "Bring them to me."

Andrew returned to the lad and asked for the food. The boy followed and watched him give the loaves and the fish to Jesus. He wondered just how small a bite Andrew and Peter and James and John and the other special friends

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Unusual School Trains Aggressive Soul Winners

Baptist Bible College, Springfield, Missouri, Doing Remarkable Job in Producing Soul-Winning Preachers, Missionaries, and Sunday School Workers

By Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

Walt Elridge graduated from the Baptist Bible College in 1955 and arrived in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with his wife, a baby, and \$5.00. He felt led to start an evangelistic church, so prayed open a deserted church building, set out to win souls from house to house, and now averages around three hundred in Sunday School.

Gene Lowry felt called of God to preach in spite of a serious speech defect, attended Baptist Bible College, and without knowing a single soul in town, started a new church in Richmond, Virginia. He worked hard in visitation block by block, house by house, and now, less than five years later, is running over six hundred in Sunday School.

Al Janney had the names of two retired ladies when he came to Miami, Florida, from Baptist Bible College. These two ladies had a burden for Miami, and with their help Al started winning souls, and now, six years later, has a church with between 900 and 1,100 attending every Sunday morning. They have a beautiful new building and see people saved week after week.

The School Behind the Success Stories

These stories read almost like a chapter out of the book of Acts. The success of these young men and literally hundreds of others

churches be able to succeed in the evangelistic program which the Lord Jesus gave to each local church.

In a recent interview, Dr. G. B. Vick, president of the school, stated the purposes and principles behind the organization of Baptist Bible College. "We recognize the fact that there are other good, sound, fundamental theological schools in the country. But yet we have almost a resentment against the curriculum of the average Bible institute or Bible college or theological seminary because when their graduates come out, they have a certain amount of knowledge—sometimes wonderful, sound Bible knowledge which is important, and I am not underestimating that—but they have absolutely no conception in the world of how to build a real soul-winning church and Sunday School. We determined that we would give in addition to practical Bible knowledge...the practical know-how of soul winning, and how to build churches and Sunday Schools after the Bible pattern. We believe the Bible is the book of divine methods just as it is a book of divine message. And just as we dare not substitute any other gospel for the Gospel of blood redemption, the Bible message, so we dare not substitute man-made methods, thinking they will improve upon God's methods

other reason, have no immediate intention of becoming missionaries or preachers and yet desire to serve the Lord in some capacity. This course is especially popular with young women who feel led of the Lord to work as church secretaries or other specialized church workers.

Since the school majors in preparing young men for the pastorate or the mission field, the English and speech departments are especially strong. The school does not pretend to be a liberal arts college, but is strictly a theological school.

In addition to a large number of Bible courses required of each student, there is strong emphasis

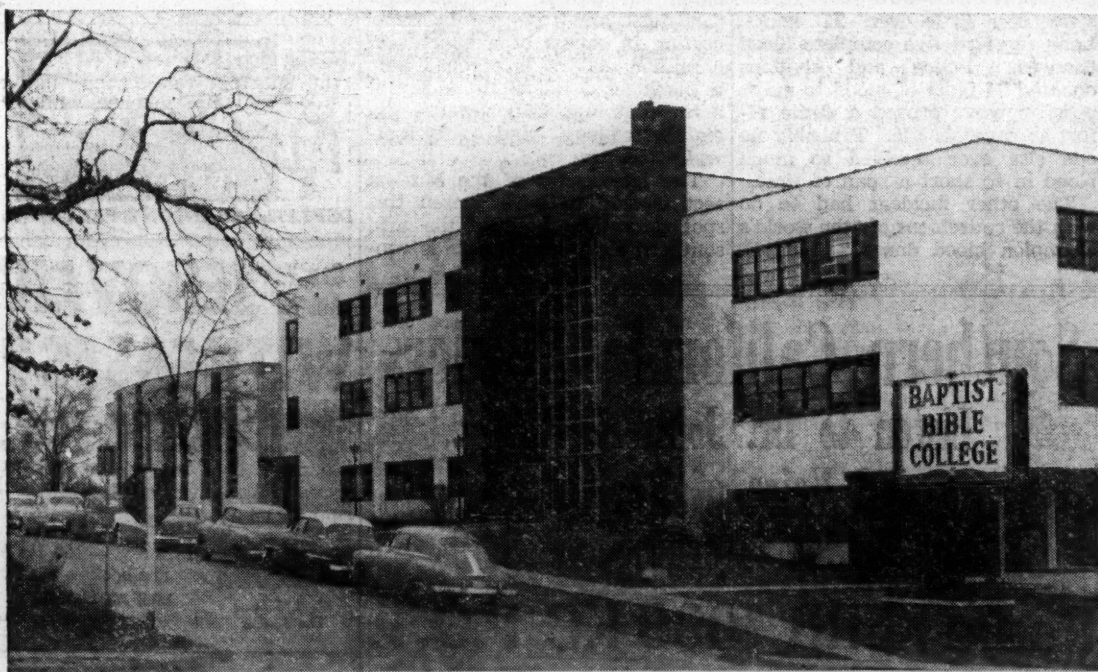


Dr. G. B. Vick, President of Baptist Bible College.

sis on Sunday School administration, church business administration, and personal evangelism.

Great Soul-Winning Pastors Direct the Work

Perhaps the strongest feature of Baptist Bible College is the fact that its work is directed by some of the finest soul-winning pastors



Administration and classroom building, Baptist Bible College. Front of auditorium seating 1050 at extreme left.

like them is due in large measure to the practical, aggressive soul-winning methods which they learned at Baptist Bible College.

The Baptist Bible College, located in Springfield, Missouri, was started in 1950 by the pastors of the newly formed Baptist Bible Fellowship. Dr. G. B. Vick was made president and school commenced in September of that year with 107 students. Temporary quarters for the school were provided by the High Street Baptist Church of Springfield. In the nine short years since its founding, the school has built a large administration building with an auditorium seating 1,050, a boys' dormitory, and a girls' dormitory. During this year 637 students were enrolled; 120 are graduating this month from the school.

A School to Produce Soul Winners

Convinced that local fundamental churches succeed only as they are aggressively evangelistic, Baptist Bible College was established to train soul-winning pastors to lead in the establishment of great soul-winning churches across the country. Since "no stream rises higher than its source," these leaders knew that only as young preachers were taught how to do the job of soul winning would their

which we found were so effective with the early church and upon which we cannot improve even after twenty centuries."

Courses Offered

Baptist Bible College grants a Th.G. (graduate of theology degree) at the successful completion of a three-year course in either the Pastors' Course, the Christian Education and Business Course, or the Music Course.

The aim of the Pastors' Course is to fully equip a student to carry on the work of a pastor. He is taught how to build a church, how to perform the many duties of a pastor, how to organize a Sunday School, and how to solve the problems which constantly confront the busy pastor.

The Music Course has as its aim specialized music training for men and women for work in the various departments of the church. Students with musical talent may further themselves for the ministry of music in the evangelistic field or as choir directors and workers.

The three-year secretarial and Christian education course is designed primarily for those students who, because of no specific call or

in the country. Dr. G. B. Vick, president of the school since its founding, is pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, one of the largest soul-winning churches in America, with over 15,000 members and a Sunday School which runs approximately 4,500 each Sunday. Dr. John Rawlings is vice-president of the school, and pastor of the Lockland Baptist Church in Lockland, Ohio, with an average attendance of approximately 2,000. Dr. W. E. Dowell, pastor of one of the largest churches in the state of Missouri, holds the office of chairman of the faculty. These men, together with a number of other well-known pastors, furnish the evangelistic flavor so important in an institution of this kind. They all have proved their ability to build great soul-winning churches, and pass on their know-how to the students in training. This practical teaching by such experienced men is probably the key to the success of the school.

Practical Experience in Soul Winning

High Street Baptist Church of Springfield and eight other Bible Baptist Fellowship Churches in

Sat. Eve. Post Exposes National Council Deceit

(An editorial April 21)

Who Says 38,000,000 Protestants Want to Recognize Red China?

Few Protestant Christians subscribe to The Worker, the Communist weekly. Consequently few saw a headline in that journal for November 30, 1958, reading: 38,000,000 Protestants Tell Ike: Recognize China. Few knew the story behind the headline.

The story was that a body of Protestant clergy and laymen known as the World Order Study Conference of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., assembled at Cleveland, had "unanimously" passed a resolution which urged that "steps should be taken toward the inclusion of the People's Republic of China (Communist) in the United Nations and for its recognition by our Government."

Inasmuch as few Protestant Christians, aside from the usual signers of fellow-traveler propaganda literature, have urged the recognition of a regime which continues to imprison and torture Christians and has made slaves of its own people, the question arises: What is the World Order Study Conference and how were its delegates selected? Also, to what extent did this resolution reflect opinion in the denominations supposedly represented?

Dean John C. Bennett of the Union Theological Seminary in New York, who had a leading part in the conference, asserts

that the delegates were appointed by the officials of the various denominations, although "some delegates were chosen by various units of the National Council." Dean Bennett mentioned as one selective factor "a high degree of interest in the subject matter of the conference." The leaders seem to have known how to pick the right people. A leader in supporting this dubious resolution was Ernest A. Gross, former United States delegate to the United Nations, with which Red China is still technically at war!

The Rev. Daniel A. Poling, editor of the Christian Herald, in an editorial for that magazine, denounced the resolution. Doctor Poling declared that most of the delegates were members of "social action" groups within the denominations.

To test Protestant opinion, the Committee of One Million Against Admission of Communist China to the United Nations polled some 50,000 American Protestant ministers on two questions: (1) Do you believe that the United Nations should recognize Communist China? and (2) Do you favor admission of Communist China to United Nations? Early returns indicate that 87 per cent of the ministers polled were against Red

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that area offer excellent opportunities for students to learn firsthand the principles of successful visitation and soul winning. All students are required to do at least two hours of practical Christian work each week in order to remain in school. Approximately ten per cent of the students are pastoring churches within a fifty-mile radius of the school.

No "New Evangelical" Compromise

Another key to the strength of Baptist Bible College is the fact that it was founded on strong separatist standards. The Bible Baptist Fellowship movement is part of a group which left the Southern Baptist Convention years ago. The leadership and the individual pastors have strong convictions on the fundamentals of the faith and refuse to compromise with any liberal program. These same convictions are instilled in the students who attend Baptist Bible College. Nearly all the graduates of the school either go into existing Bible Baptist Fellowship churches or start new ones.

In addition to doctrinal standards of separation, the school also has high standards of separation from worldliness. Students are

forbidden to use alcoholic liquors or tobacco, to play cards, to gamble in any form, to dance, to attend theatres or attend meetings of secret societies while enrolled in the school.

There is a strong emphasis on missions in the school, with approximately 180 students now attending preparing for the mission field. These graduates will seek to establish, on New Testament soul-winning principles, churches on the mission fields of the world. Dr. Fred S. Donnellson is director of the Fellowship's mission program and teaches missionary techniques in the school. He is a missionary himself, having spent many, many years on the foreign field.

Dr. R. O. Woodworth, business manager, tells me they are hoping for an enrollment of seven hundred next year. They now have sixteen on the faculty. The cost of attendance at Baptist Bible College for a year varies from \$400 to \$500 for single students. These figures do not include items such as clothes, laundry, and incidental expenditures.

For a catalog giving full information about the school, write to Baptist Bible College, 628 East Kearney, Springfield, Missouri.

Dr. Bob Jones SAYS:



Recently I had a very wonderful letter from Rev. Maurice Fletcher, who is pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. This good man is a graduate of Bob Jones University. He was reared in Southeast Alabama where I was born and reared. We have a number of students from his church down here at Bob Jones University. He is doing all he can to get the right kind of young people from his section of Canada to attend this institution which God led us to found. How we thank God for good, faithful, Bible-believing preachers and for spiritual, Bible-believing school teachers and businessmen and people in all walks of life who are standing for the Lord Jesus Christ without

compromise in all parts of the world.

Surely God is with us. Won't you pray for us? Won't you invest some of the Lord's money in the work of the school, and won't you keep on lining up the right kind of young people to be trained here at Bob Jones University? We want to train more and more educated, Christian leaders; and we want to get them from all sections of the United States and from foreign countries so we can send out from Bob Jones University good, Christian leaders into all parts of the world. Thank you for your help. God bless you.

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This is Wednesday, May 6. I have had four full days in the office and one Sunday with the Calvary Baptist Church, Wheaton, since returning from the extensive tours in Colorado and California. I rejoice in the blessings of God in the fine services Dr. Bob Jones and I had in Grand Junction, at Durango and Denver in Colorado, and in Oakland, Arcadia, and National City, a suburb of San Diego, California. I also spoke at Stockton, Sacramento, Ontario, and Anaheim during the week.

During the two weeks I flew over 8,700 miles. I spoke twenty-three times in the two weeks. Four nights I was up all night on planes. A number of nights I went to bed as late as midnight and got up at 5:00 or 5:30. Thank God, there were souls saved in a number of places, a number of young people gave themselves to full-time Christian service, young men surrendered to the ministry. Many family altars were established, particularly under the fine influence of Dr. Jones.

I Keep on Resting!

Arriving in Wheaton Saturday morning at 6:35 after a night on the plane from Los Angeles and San Diego, I worked Saturday in the office, taking time out for two sets of tennis. I preached twice on Sunday with a real blessing with four additions to Calvary Baptist Church and one convert baptized. Monday and Tuesday I worked in the office and Tuesday night (last night) we spent three hours in the radio studio rehearsing with a big choir, working out details, and completing two broadcasts for the "Voice of Revival" nation-wide broadcast.

I find I am sleeping well, but still a little sleepy or tired when that inner bell rings, waking me at quarter to seven each morning. I try to take a light nap every day. I feel there is still some tension, but I am slowly being relaxed and getting back my usual vitality, the strength that God has so graciously provided through the years of abundant labor. It is good to be at home, to try to catch up on the mail.

And I hope my friends will pray that God will sustain me for the great burdens which He seems to have laid upon me. Thank God for good health. I have overstrained myself somewhat with travel and lack of rest and heavy responsibilities, but I feel God's loving care restoring my strength. Thank all of you who pray.

Oakland Church Reports

On Monday, April 27, it was a joy to be with the Foothill Boulevard Baptist Church, Oakland, California, Dr. G. Archer Weniger, pastor. In *The Blue-Print* Dr. Weniger reports:

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was one of the finest we have ever heard. The conference presented the principles of Biblical evangelism as opposed to the phony evangelism to which America is being treated and the current synthetic revival. People came from as far as Eureka—300 miles distance."

And it was a challenge the way preachers drove from far and near to these conferences. For example, pastors drove 400 miles from Phoenix and Tempe, Arizona, to the conference at Arcadia near Los Angeles just for one day with Dr. Jones and this editor.

Believe It or Not—A Week's Vacation Planned

It makes me feel like a rich playboy, but we are planning a week's vacation in July, Mrs. Rice and I and the daughters and their families. It seems now that five of the children, the sons-in-law, and grandchildren, will go together for a week on a lake in Wisconsin. We have planned a week of fishing, boating, playing, loafing, and fellowship. And you never heard such a chatter as when this whole Rice family gets together! I secretly have planned to take along a dictating machine and do some study and writing, although I have some stern warnings from the rest of the family! But I am not accustomed to vacations and I could not be happy a whole week without some work, I fear.

George Muller Finally Consented

One of the books which most greatly influenced and blessed my life is *George Muller of Bristol* by A. T. Pierson. Muller established the orphanages at Bristol, England, prayed down 7½ million dollars for the support of a home caring for 2,300 orphans and for mission work and literature. George Muller was greatly blessed of God, and people wanted him to write the marvelous story. He feared that he might be taking some of the glory but finally felt impressed to write in four or five great volumes the *Narrative of the Lord's Dealings With George Muller*. He felt, as all of us ought to feel, that a man's life story ought not to be used for his own glory or credit, but that it is proper to tell of God's dealings and blessings, to give the glory to God and inspire others to trust and love such a wonderful prayer-hearing God.

So I consented to the writing of my biography. It was done by Evangelist Robert L. Sumner with a great deal of labor. I read all but perhaps three chapters. As in my book, *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*, and elsewhere, the testimony of how God has provided, has answered prayer, and has used this unworthy servant, has encouraged others to trust the Lord and labor for Him, so I pray that somehow God in mercy will take the glory and will use His dealings with this poor preacher to call out others into the field and to challenge thousands to trust God and get answers to prayer and win souls and attempt the difficult and suffer persecution for Christ.

This book, *Man Sent From God*, has 225 pages, will regularly sell for \$3.50. But we are glad to give it free with 2 yearly subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD or with 4 yearly subscriptions for \$10 or with 10 yearly subscriptions for \$20. I hope that the book will bless thousands.

And I think I might say that, God knowing my heart, I am most concerned about the circulation of THE SWORD OF THE LORD itself because I know what it does. And so I hope that thousands of you will help me by sending in subscriptions for others and thus get THE SWORD OF THE LORD into tens of thousands of new homes and hearts. Will you send some subscriptions?

Pastors, Can You Not Help Us Who Help You?

We have a great love for pastors, a great concern to be a blessing to them. Thousands of dollars each year we put into the Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund. It is a great joy everywhere I speak to find that pastors come, sometimes many miles to be in the services. How unselfishly and lovingly I have tried to help pastors through THE SWORD OF THE LORD, God is my witness. And I believe that the 22,000 preachers

INCIDENTS

And Illustrations

By
Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor

Cats Versus Souls

Which is worth most, the welfare of a cat or the salvation of a soul? Apparently a Florida woman felt the cat was the most valuable. The late Alma Culbert willed her \$23,000 estate to her part-Persian cat, Baby, to make sure that she was well cared for for however many of her "nine lives" remain! The will directed a friend from Massachusetts to live in the Culbert house and supervise the cat's care. Income from the estate is to pay for cat food, other necessities for "Baby," utility bills, taxes and other expenses.

One cannot help feeling grief at such a waste of money when, in a figurative sense, highly trained missionary candidates are sitting on our docks with their suitcases packed, waiting for funds to go to foreign shores with the liberating Gospel of Jesus Christ. But before you condemn Mrs. Culbert too harshly, what are you doing for missions and the cause of Christ all over the globe?

What are souls worth to you?

Blood Donors

The statement made by Moses in Leviticus 17:11 nearly three and a half thousand years ago, although only recently recognized by medical science, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood," was called to my attention recently by what is probably a couple of records in the blood-donating field.

One had to do with a San Francisco policeman, William Long, who was accidentally wounded by a bullet from his own gun. In the space of a little over 24 hours, Long received five complete blood changes. Police and civilians donated 94 pints of blood to make possible what proved a futile effort to save his life. Probably no one else ever received so much blood in so short a span of time.

The other incident had to do with the retirement of "the world's champion blood donor." Earl E.

Harvey, Sr., of Dallas, Texas, who has given 252 pints of blood in the last 38 years, voluntarily retired at the age of 67 because he "didn't want to run the risk of being turned down. That would have broken my heart."

A newspaper reporter estimated that if blood were kerosene, Harvey had given "enough to keep a giant jet transport flying for 60 seconds at 40,000 feet," and if blood were water he had "given enough to fill a bathtub three-quarters full." Harvey, who had O Rh-negative type blood, said that his purpose in giving "was to help others."

All of this reminds us of the Lord Jesus Christ, who will ever stand as the greatest blood donor of the ages. He shed His blood at Calvary, not that another's physical life might be extended a few more sin-cursed years, but that the ransom of our soul from eternal Hell might be realized. His blood, and only His blood, cleanses from every sin. The value of His blood is illustrated in the communion cup, of which the Saviour said: "Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:27, 28).

"THE DOOR OF MERCY HAS HINGES AND IT MAY BE SHUT, AND THEN LOCKED WITH THE ADAMANTINE KEY OF JUSTICE!"

"The Rich Man Also Died . . . And Was Buried!"

The body of the late Aga Khan III, who at the time of his decease was one of the world's richest men, has been placed in its final earthly resting place some 265 feet above the Nile River. In a mausoleum reminiscent of ancient Pharaonic splendor, this "spiritual leader" of an estimated twenty million Islamic Moslems was believed to have been the forty-eighth direct descendant of the Prophet Mohammed through his daughter Fatima. The majestic sandstone and rose-granite tomb, costing in excess of a quarter of a million dollars, is perched atop a black sand hillock in a seven-acre plot which contains the eighty-foot-long and fifty-foot-wide structure.

The late leader of the Moslem sect is said to have chosen this spot personally because the arid southern Egyptian climate is con-

ducive to body preservation after death. He had spent considerable time in great detail about the preservation of mummies dating back to the days of the Pharaohs.

What elaborate plans he made for a body which must eventually return to dust, yet so little preparation for the preservation of a never-dying soul! Any resting place for the body is only temporary—awaiting the resurrection summons of the last day. Yet the destiny of the soul—either in Hell of horror or a Heaven of bliss—so outweighs in importance the value of the body that Jesus contrasted its loss to the value of the world, assuring us that even if the world were gained and the soul lost, it would be a most unprofitable transaction.

Perhaps some reading these lines have already purchased a cemetery plot. Your tombstone has already been selected with your name and birthplace already blasted into the stone, awaiting only the date of death. You have funeral insurance which will take care of the burial details and every other preparation for your death has been made, apparently. Yet you have neglected to safeguard the welfare of your soul by putting your faith and trust in Jesus Christ. Do you not see the folly of such an emphasis on the minor with the ignoring of the major? Heed the advice of Amos and "Prepare to meet thy God!"



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The Editor's Speaking Dates: Please Combine for Larger Opportunity

It is sadness to this editor that I must continually turn down invitations that I would like to accept. I suppose that I must turn down three invitations to every one accepted. Since my time and strength are limited and the open doors so many, I urge pastors in any given area to combine their forces. Thus for a few days' conference on revival and soul winning or for revival services, I would be able to come to a larger

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Spurgeon on the New Evangelicals

Charles Haddon Spurgeon Exposed the Neo-Evangelicals of His Day

In the 64-page "Conference Address" (25c, Gospel Witness, 130 Gerrard St. East, Toronto), the greatest preacher of the English-speaking world said, page 39:

"We have nowadays around us a class of men who preach Christ, and even preach the Gospel; but then they preach a great deal else which is not true, and thus they destroy the good of all that they deliver, and lure men to error. They would be styled 'evangelical' and yet be of the school which is really anti-evangelical. Look well to these gentlemen. I have heard that a fox, when close hunted by the dogs, will pretend to be one of them, and run with the pack. That is what certain are aiming at just now: *the foxes would seem to be dogs*. But in the case of the fox, his strong scent betrays him, and the dogs soon find him out; and even so, the scent of false doctrine is not easily concealed, and the game does not answer for long. There are extant ministers of whom we scarce can tell whether they are dogs or foxes; but all men shall know our quality as long

'I'M JUST AS DRY AS YOU ARE'

By Donald Hurlburt

WESTMINSTER, Vt.—The above title is quoted from a letter from a fellow Vermonter. It is the response of many people to any approach to a discussion of alcoholics. And many seem to think that answers all questions and ends all debate.

But just how dry am I? Am I a teetotaler or a total tippler? Or, mayhap, in between—a downhill road.

Governor Robert T. Safford writes: "I will say that I am not 'a dry,' although I believe that the use of intoxicating beverages should not be abused."

Where do we draw the line between use and abuse? Might we not the better consider any use of alcoholics as a beverage a misuse?

The popular verdict today is, "Be moderate." But how moderate is "moderate"? Is it like prohibition that does

as we live, and they shall be in no doubt as to what we believe and teach. We shall not hesitate to speak in the strongest Saxon words we can find and in the plainest sentences we can put together, that which we hold as fundamental truth." —From *Blue-Print*

not prohibit? Where should the line be drawn?

Nobody seems to know. What is one man's moderation is another man's immoderation.

So many people reason, "I don't drink—or only occasionally, or at some social function. I have to drink once in a while to close a deal, or be social. If I didn't, I'd lose out in business or suffer social ostracism. One has to conform to a certain degree or get a reputation for being eccentric or a 'square.' I can drink it or leave it alone."

But can you? Then, let's see you leave it alone. For how long?

If one honestly wants to know about the effect of alcohol on the system, let him read an article in *Reader's Digest* for June 1958, page 208, entitled, "Secrets of the Human Cell." It tells how the nerve cells are constantly wearing out and being replaced day and night.

But let me quote one momentous sentence: "Nerve cells cannot reproduce themselves; we have our lifetime complement at birth, and, once one is destroyed, it is destroyed for good."

Then couple with this fact the well-known fact that alcohol, taken into the stomach, is at once taken into the blood stream and carried directly to the cerebrum, the uppermost and most delicate portion of the brain, wherein reside the higher and nobler faculties of

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—From *The Ideal Christian Home*
by Helen S. Dyer

man: judgment, decision, conscience—the faculties that differentiate the human being from the lower animals.

The alcohol bores holes in the limps, the outer sheath of these exquisitely delicate cells, sucks out the water, for which it has a great affinity, then attacks the nucleus, where resides the cell life, and kills that cell—forever.

Therein lies the gradual degeneration of the person. That is why persistent drinkers gradually lose all will power, judgment, reason—become more and more like swine.

—From the National Voice.

N.C.C. President's Recent Blasphemy

By Evangelist Walt Handford
Assistant Editor

Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, National Council of Churches president, said recently, "It was the vigorous pronouncements Jesus made on controversial matters that sent Him to the Cross." This is quoted in the *New York Herald Tribune* reporting the February 26, 1959 General Board of the National Council meeting which was held at Hartford, Connecticut. This statement was made in commenting on the resolution supporting recognition of Red China passed by the Cleveland World Order Conference of November 1958. It is obvious that Dr. Dahlberg believes that Jesus Christ died simply as a martyr to the great cause of social reformation rather than as a substitute for our sins. If this were true Jesus Christ was only a noble man dedicated to high ideals and nothing more!

My Bible says, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21), and "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Pet. 2:24). Jesus Christ, God's Son, died as my substitute on the cross, paying the penalty for my sins. He was not simply the chance victim of some political or social reform plot.

The National Council of Churches and the ecumenical movement have not changed! How in the name of common decency and honesty, let alone Bible obedience, can Bible believers fellowship with this crowd of modernists and deniers of the faith? Rather than being a time for a truce as the new evangelicals would have us believe, today is the day for an all-out attack on these citadels of unbelief.

Box Score on

The Supreme Court

On July 10, 1958, Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi, told the U. S. Senate how the individual members of the Supreme Court have voted on communist cases. He said, in part:

Earl Warren took the oath of office as Chief Justice in October, 1953. In the four and a half years since he has been Chief Justice, the Court has consented to hear a fantastic total of 39 cases involving communist or subversive activities in one form or another. Thirty of these decisions have sustained the position advocated by the communists, and only nine have been to the contrary.

Even more significant than the over-all result of these decisions is an analysis of the votes and positions taken by individual judges. This is from the tabulation previously introduced in the *RECORD*, which starts with the year 1943.

Hugo Black participated in a total of 71 cases, and his batting average is an even 1,000. Seventy-one times he voted to sustain the position advocated by the communists, and not one vote or one case did he decide to the contrary.

Justice William Douglas participated in 69 cases. His batting average is slightly lower than Black's. Pro-communist voted 66; anti-communist, three.

It is hard to believe, Mr. President, that the Government, or the States, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the congressional committees, the United States District Courts, and United States Circuit Courts of Appeal were always wrong when it comes to communists.

Felix Frankfurter is the third member of the Court who has served continuously throughout this period. He participated in 72 cases and his record shows pro-communist votes, 56; anti-communist, 16.

Tom Clark was appointed to the Court in 1949. He is the last member now on the Court of a group composed of Clark, Reed, and Minton, who were usually anti-communist. These are their records:

Pro-communist votes: Clark, 18; Reed, 14; Burton, 32; and Minton, 10.

Anti-communist votes: Clark, 33; Reed, 40; Burton, 37; and Minton, 35.

Burton is included above with his record of 32-37; he was more often with than against the strong anti-communist judges.

Here are the records of the remaining members of the presently constituted Court:

Pro-communist votes: Warren, 36; Harlan, 20; Brennan, 18; and Whittaker, four.

Anti-communist votes: Warren, three; Harlan, 14; Brennan, two; and Whittaker, seven.

Mr. President, I have here presented an over-all picture based entirely on a statistical analysis. I do not argue that a judge was always wrong in each and every individual decision that might have a result favorable to the communist position. What concerns me and is of vast concern to the American people is the pattern that has been developed and made clear by these facts and figures. Also, since the great number of cases considered in the categories that I have here discussed arise by virtue of writs of certiorari where the Court affirmatively decides what it shall and shall not consider, the startling increase in the number of decisions that favor the position of the communists under Warren can be justifiably held to be most significant.

Even more important than the high proportion of cases which have been decided favorably to the communists' contention is the fact that increasingly, under Chief Justice Warren's regime, the Court has been expanding its usurpation of the legislative field and purporting to make new law of general application which will be favorable to the communist position, not only in the individual cases decided, but in innumerable other cases.

—American Mercury

No One Is Immune

By Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison
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The work of the EWA gives us an insight into the ease with which Christian young people often fall into sexual sins, and others. In one year we had three girls who had attended a single evangelical Christian college come to this agency for care during their illegitimate pregnancy and delivery of the child. Recently another girl from another similar college. Numbers of such girls come to us from churches. From our counseling with these girls we conclude that some of them have really been saved from sin through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Why is it then that they become the mothers of illegitimate children?

First we must recognize that human nature is sinful, exceedingly sinful (Rom. 8:7,8). All Christians have this nature which they inherited from their natural parents (Gal. 5:16-21; Jer. 17:9; Rom. 7:18). Therefore a Christian parent must understand that his child will naturally turn to evil unless he is properly guided, trained and disciplined. External temptations merely furnish the opportunity which the naturally sinful heart seizes with pleasure. Temptations to sin are a normal part of the lost world of humanity in which the believer lives and today they seem to be more prevalent and powerful than ever, with incitations to liquor drinking, smoking, "petting," recklessness, nakedness, dishonesty and cruelty being the common daily fare in TV, radio, comic books and papers and general conversation. Therefore, Christian parents must not think that their beloved children are immune; rather, just the opposite.

The Bible tells us that the only way the Christian can gain a victory over the evil nature is to walk in the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:16, 22, 23). We are also told to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18). Now, the Holy Spirit dwells in every true believer in Christ. In John 16:14; John 15:5; and Acts 2:4, 14-36; Acts 4:8-12, we discover that those who were filled with the Holy Spirit glorified the Lord Jesus Christ, and that is a purpose of the Spirit.

Furthermore the Christian is constantly under attack by the demons, fallen angels subject to Satan. The only way we can gain

a victory over them is to put on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:10-17). Examination of this passage shows that the armor is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and that nothing else or less will suffice. The Devil uses the world and its lusts, unsaved persons, and various things such as difficulties and irritations to attack us through the sinful lusts within ourselves.

It is clear that the only safeguard the Christian has is the Lord Jesus Christ whose Holy Spirit dwells within us. Therefore, if parents want to safeguard their children they must do all that they can to influence them to sense the real presence of Christ in their lives and to love and trust Him above all others. In order to do this the child must be made aware of the sinfulness of sin and of the awfulness of its penalty in the lake of fire. Then they must realize what it cost God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ His Son, to pay the ransom for our souls from the judgment of God's holy law and justice. The child must be made to see that it was for him, an utterly lost sinner, that Christ died and that He is their true life and hope. If the parents are to do this, they must themselves appropriate these truths to themselves, and give Christ pre-eminence in their own lives. They must pray earnestly for God to guide them in their own lives and in the training of the young ones, and to save these. They must trust Him to hear and answer their prayers.

Only God can save, but parents are responsible before God for the training and instruction of the child in the trust of God and in Christian conduct.

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China on both counts; 11 per cent gave favorable replies and 2 per cent had no opinion.

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Kids Korner

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would get if two small fish were divided among twelve such big, hungry men, for, somehow, he knew that Jesus would not keep it all for Himself. Suddenly his eyes grew large with wonder. The Master had taken his little lunch and had asked the heavenly Father's blessing upon it. Now He was breaking the loaves and the fish. He broke a roll in two. There appeared two whole rolls instead. And He did the same with the fish. The more He broke, the more He had! The lad's lunch had suddenly become enough to feed more than five thousand men, besides women and children. After all had eaten well, each of the twelve helpers collected a large basketful of food that was left. Perhaps they took it home with them for another meal, for they would not throw good food away. I am sure that they gave some to the boy to share with his father and mother, far more than he had brought in the beginning.

Tired but very happy, the lad of Galilee clung to Andrew's hand as they went home together after the setting of the sun. They reached his house just as the last light faded from the western sky and left the clear blue water black with night.

"Good night, Andrew," the child said sleepily. "Thank you for taking such good care of me. Thank you for giving my lunch to the Master so He could feed all those hungry people with it. I know now why you left your boat to follow Him. I'm going to follow Him, too."

"He will be glad," answered Andrew joyfully. "The Master told us to let the little children come

A Virtuous Woman

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have no need of spoil." There is never a doubt about her faithfulness. She will never be found in a barroom with some other man. She will never give her husband or anybody else cause to wonder about her fidelity. She will never flirt with the grocer or the clerk at the meat counter, or the salesman at the door. She is true to her husband and she recognizes his headship in the home. Never is a woman more queenly than when she obeys the scriptural injunction, "Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as unto the Lord" (Eph. 5:22).

Only Way to Win

I doubt whether a Christian woman will ever truly win her unsaved husband to Christ or her unsundered husband to the will of God until she is willing to yield to the plain teaching of God's holy inspired, authoritative Word, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the Saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything."

Certainly it is hard for a Christian woman to submit herself to an old stinking, tobacco-laden, liquor-drinking sinner. That is why Christian girls should be so careful not to marry unsaved men. It is especially hard when the old coot is mean and cowardly enough to strike his wife. But there are thousands of sweet, godly women who have had the grace to stay true and love the poor, blind brutes until they have cried, "It is enough!" and have come to Jesus. A little wife and mother like that is above reproach. "She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life."

Of course, every husband who expects submission of a wife should seek to carry out the command, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25). But by the grace of God many endure hardships of this trial and not only bring their husbands to God, but also win the whole family.

"The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her" because of her purity. How I thank God today for the memory of a good Christian mother! Her purity was a challenge to me, and many times in my youth the very thought of my godly parents kept me from compromise which might have led me into grosser sins. I was called

Three Things Worth Knowing

D. L. Moody told: "An old man got up in one of our meetings and said, 'I have been forty-two years learning three things.' I pricked up my ears at that. I thought if I could find out in three minutes what a man had taken forty-two years to learn, I should like to do it. The first thing he said he had learned was that he could do nothing toward his own salvation. 'Well,' I said to myself, 'that is worth learning.' The second thing he found out was that God did not require him to do anything. Well, that was worth finding out, too. And the third thing was that the Lord Jesus Christ had done it all, that salvation was finished, and that all he had to do was to take it. Dear friends, let us learn this lesson. Let us give up struggling and striving, and accept salvation at once."—Moody Monthly.

unto Him. 'For of such is the kingdom of heaven,' He said."

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How happy it makes the Lord Jesus when children see that they are sinners and come to Jesus, who is the only one who can forgive our sins. If you have never invited Jesus into your heart as your Saviour, do it right now, will you? He promises to receive you and make you His child. Jesus says, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

of God to preach the Gospel and I owe everything to the Lord Jesus Christ, but I am almost certain that I would not be in the pulpit this morning if I had had a cigarette-smoking, dancing, card-playing mother. God has saved and called some from non-Christian homes but some of those who are saved would be in Hell today but for the example and prayers of Christian parents.

Motherhood a Blessing

King Lemuel said of the virtuous woman, "She seeketh wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands" (Prov. 31:13). Isn't there something beautiful about motherhood? Timothy wrote of Eve, "Notwithstanding she shall be saved through childbearing" (I Tim. 2:15). This, of course, has reference to the fact that Eve's hope was in her posterity. The Lord Jesus Christ, "The seed of the woman," was to be the Saviour. The passage does not mean that being a mother saves a soul. There is a sense, however, in which becoming a mother saves some women. It causes them to realize the suffering of the Saviour and the goodness of God. It causes them to look to God for help as they go into "the valley of the shadow of death." It brings them to realize the seriousness of life and their own responsibility for the children they bear.

The most beautiful diadem a woman can wear is the crown of motherhood. Perhaps one reason God connected suffering with motherhood was to build character. "Tribulation worketh patience" (Rom. 5:3).

The Thrifty Housekeeper

"She worketh willingly with her hands." This is not true of all mothers but it is true of most of them. Some who never worked very much suddenly become industrious when they become mothers. I would not advise a young man to count on that, however. The young lady in question may not be among those of whom this is true.

Young man, in choosing a life's mate, choose a young lady with the qualities of this "virtuous woman," one who will make a good mother for your children. Do not marry a lazy girl.

I will tell you what to do. When you get a prospect call on her in her home some night. Slip your wallet or your wristwatch or fountain pen under the sofa. The next morning about 9:30 or 10:00 o'clock go around to get what you left. If she comes to the door in a faded housecoat with her hair screwed up in newspaper or pin curls and you look in and see the dishes piled in the sink, get away as quickly as possible and don't go back! Never mind how pretty she is. "Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain." A lazy woman is the biggest liability a man can have.

The virtuous woman "bringeth

her food from afar." That not only sounds like my mother but it sounds like the mother of my children. If there is a bargain at a distance she will go "afar" even if she does spend the difference in gasoline. It is the principle of the thing, you know! Blessed is the family with a woman like that! She will not only do her husband good but she will do her children great good also. In verses 15 through 17 we see the industry of this woman.

"She perceiveth that her merchandise is good." When she buys something she makes sure that it is good, and also when she sells something she makes sure that it is good. She is not a cheat. She is honest. She is not looking for something for nothing.

"She layeth her hands to the spindle and her hands hold the distaff." "Man works from sun to sun, but a woman's work is never done." It is Mother who patches clothes and darns socks and sews on buttons. It is mother who cooks our food and cleans the house and washes the clothes. We have new gadgets today but the responsibility for all these things still rests upon Mother, and life is more complex than it used to be. There are more things for her to manage. She may have gadgets and a maid and the benefit of prepared foods and a deep freeze, but there is still hard work connected with all of this. A friend of mine says, "A young man does not ask a girl any more, 'Can you cook?' but, 'Can you thaw?'" Another friend writing on the subject, "What Will

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People Be Like a Thousand Years From Now?" says that women will have very long fingers from pushing buttons!

A Virtuous Woman's Kindness

Then there is the care of the children which the mother has when they are sick. No hand can cool the fevered brow like a mother's hand. No hand can dry the tears from the cheeks of a child like a mother's hand. Daddies love and pity children, too, and sometimes they try to help care for them but somehow they just do not have the talent a mother has. God bless the true, loving, unselfish mother!

"She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy." I do not know whether it is a part of the mother instinct but some women seem to make room in their hearts for all who are in need. God fills a mother's heart with love so that she cares for the poor and needy.

Mother Love

Someone has said that God could not be everywhere so He gave us mothers. Of course, God is everywhere and many of us see Him especially in our mothers. There is no earthly love like "mother love," and it seems as if God has ordained it to give us some illustration of His own infinite love. "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you" (Isa. 66:13).

There is an old legend that one beautiful spring day an angel

stole out of Heaven and came down to this world in search of the most beautiful thing he could find on earth. He roamed over field and through forest and village, hamlet and city. At one place he saw a beautiful flower garden and said, "Oh, how lovely! Those flowers are more beautiful than anything I have seen on earth. I shall pluck the rose of rarest beauty and fragrance and take it back to Heaven with me."

He went a little farther and saw a beautiful baby with bright eyes and rosy cheeks smiling up into the face of his mother, and he said, "That smile is the most beautiful thing I have seen on earth. I will take that, too."

Then he looked beyond the cradle and saw the love of that mother pouring out like a mighty spring, and he said, "That mother's love is more beautiful than the baby's smile. I will take that with these other beautiful moments of my visit to earth."

Then with the three treasures he flew back to the gates of Heaven. Before he went he decided to examine the treasures and he found that the rose had withered and the baby's smile had turned to a frown, but the mother's love was just as lovely and beautiful as ever. He called the other angels and said, "Here is the only thing I found on earth that would keep its fragrance all the way to Heaven—a mother's love."

The Love of God

But stronger than the love of a mother for her baby is the love of

God for you and me. "When my mother and my father forsake me, the Lord will take me up." Someone has said that if all the love of all the mothers could be placed in one mother's heart, she could not love like God loves.

It is the Spirit of God in the hearts of Christian mothers that gives them the love and charity in the woman King Lemuel describes. And now the king goes on with his description.

She Has Social Grace

Even though this wonderful woman is thrifty she is not stingy. "She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet." "She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple." She is not a dowdy-looking old frump. She is clothed in "silk and purple." She sees to it that her whole family is well clothed. "Her husband is known in the gates when he sitteth among the elders of the land."

Sometimes people talk about the power behind the throne, referring to the wife of some successful man. Usually when you find successful man, much of the credit should go to that "power." This, of course, is not always true. When you find a "power behind the throne," very seldom is she the domineering, inordinately ambitious kind of woman. She is indeed behind the throne and not on the throne. "He is known in the gates when he sitteth among the elders of the land." So often the godly, modest wife and mother

goes unnoticed and someone else gets the credit for something that would have failed without her. She would have it that way. Nevertheless, discerning people know her value. "Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come."

Wisdom and Kindness

"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness." My mother used to say, "Son, keep your counsel." She was reluctant to speak but when she opened her mouth words of wisdom came forth. And how kind she was to everyone! King Lemuel said of the woman in this text, "Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

As we are thinking of Mother's Day and we read a verse like this, it is natural for those of us with Christian mothers and Christian wives to respond with a sincere "Amen!" in our hearts. Yes, "she shall rejoice in time to come." This is the payoff. The influence of her Christian character in the lives of her children and her husband brings back to her the praise she deserves. It is not the praise she is looking for so much as it is the effects that bring the praise.

"Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." The fundamental and crowning virtue of this woman is the fear of the Lord. It is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and the operation of the Spirit of God in the

heart which genders the other qualities. "Many daughters have done virtuously but thou excellest them all." Yes, there are fine things about many women but it is the Christian woman whose life is a benediction to her family and those who know her.

Come to Jesus

If you are unsaved, come to Jesus now and He will save you. If you are a woman, you especially need Jesus. You can never be the mother or wife you ought to be without Him. Life is fruitless and empty and vain without Him. If you are a man without Jesus, I appeal to you in the name of your Christian mother or for the sake of your wife or children to turn to Jesus.

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"Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18).

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Pilate Before Jesus

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incarnation. But inasmuch as last Lord's day morning we had before us the first half of this scene, Christ before Pilate, and now in this portion we have the second half, Pilate before Christ, it seemed to me it was but suitable that we should go right on with the exposition, for after all it is well in these days when so many people's minds are being directed to Bethlehem, and rightly so, that men should also remember that Bethlehem was but the prelude to Calvary. Apart from Calvary, Bethlehem is meaningless. Apart from Christ's propitiatory work upon the cross, His incarnation could mean nothing to poor sinners.

And it is a lamentable fact that there are myriads of people today who profess to rejoice in the birth of Christ who have never trusted Him as the one who died for our sins upon the cross. And so I believe it is well that men's hearts should be challenged today as to what their real attitude is toward Him whom they remember at Christmas time.

Now in this section, I say, we have Pilate before Christ. In the previous chapter we had the Lord Jesus dragged before Pilate's judgment bar. But the trial was practically over when the judge himself went out to the people and said, "After careful examination, and after hearing all of their charges, I find in him no fault at all." That was really a sentence of acquittal. Jesus had been tried and found innocent of the charges brought against Him, and according to all righteousness, Pilate should then have dismissed the case, and Jesus should have gone out free. But we know that in the purpose of God it had been settled from eternity that He who was born at Bethlehem was to die upon the cross to make propitiation for our sins. And God, therefore, so overruled and so permitted things that the mock trial should still go on.

But in the second part of it things were reversed. It was no longer Christ on trial, but it was now Pilate on trial. What about this Roman judge? What is his attitude? What is God's thought of him? What does this scene reveal concerning him?

Pilate Was a Sinner Who Did Not Do What He Knew Was Right About Jesus

Well, in the first place, it reveals Pilate as a weakling who knew what was right and did it not. He knew he should have freed the Lord Jesus Christ. He knew after investigating and pronouncing Him innocent that he should have ended the case right there. But he did not act upon his own deepest convictions because he was not true to his own conscience. We may see in the first

five verses how he stifled the voice of conscience. We are told that "Pilate therefore took Jesus and scourged him." Why should he scourge Him? He has just declared Him innocent and yet he permits Him to submit to the most ignominious punishment that involves terrible physical suffering. For that Roman scourge was made of a number of thongs in which were set every few inches sharp pieces of metal, so that when the scourge was brought down upon the bare back of the victim, the flesh was literally stripped into ribbons and the blood poured forth. Why cause an innocent man, an admittedly innocent man, to submit to suffering like that? It was because Pilate wanted to appease the Jews. He wanted their favor even though it meant that the man whom he had pronounced innocent should have to suffer. On the other hand, he hoped that the accusers of Christ would be satisfied with this punishment.

The soldiers having carried out the scourging, platted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe—some old discarded garment, and thus they decked Him up as a pretended king, and they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and they smote Him with their hands. How little they realized that though what they did was done in sport, the day would come when before that Blessed one every knee should bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord of all, and when He will indeed be acclaimed as King of the Jews, as well as King of all the nations of the earth. For in God's purpose it is declared that eventually Jew and Gentile will recognize in Him the one who is King of kings and Lord of lords.

"Pilate," we are told, "therefore went forth again and saith unto

Familiar With Sin?

"Vice is a master of such frightful mein,
That to be hated needs but to be seen;
But seen too oft, familiar with his face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace!"
—Pope

them, Behold I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him." This reiterated the judgment already given. "Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!" In his own conscience he knows that Christ should go free, but debates within himself what is to be done, how to placate these ruthless persecutors. And doubtless back of it all was the thought of the security of his own position. Pilate had done many things that had aroused the antagonism of the Jews and there was always a party working against him to unseat him as governor of Judea. And so he presents Christ again and cries, "Behold the man!"

A Wicked Race of Sinners Hates Incarnate Virtue

One would have thought the sight of that patient, suffering One standing there with the thorny crown pressed on His brow and the purple robe on Him and with a reed in His hand and blood pouring down His face would have been enough to soften the hardest heart and break down the strongest opposition. But there is that in the heart of the natural man that leads him to hate that which is holy, to hate perfect righteousness.

Many years ago at a great meeting of the Free Church of Scotland, a synodical meeting, one minister was asked to preach the synodical sermon on Sunday morning. He gave a marvelously beautiful discourse on the beauty of virtue, and wound up with a great peroration in which he exclaimed, "Oh, my friends, if virtue incarnate could only appear on earth, men would be so ravished with her beauty they would fall down and worship her." People went out saying, "What a magnificent pulpit oration it was!"

But on the night of the same Lord's Day, another minister stood

in that pulpit and he preached Christ and Him crucified, and closed his sermon with these words: "My friends, Virtue Incarnate has appeared on earth, and men instead of being ravished with His beauty and falling down and worshipping Him, cried out, 'Away with him! Crucify him! Crucify him! We will not have this man to reign over us!'"

That tells the wickedness of the natural heart—of your heart, of my heart—for those Jews that day were but representative men. They were not different men to others. "There is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." But they told out the hatred of the natural man to the holiness of God.

"When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him and crucify him: for I find no fault in him." Think of it! For the third time this judge declares the innocence of the prisoner who stood there before him, and yet he was himself utterly vacillating. Instead of standing for the innocent as justice should, he puts Him in the hands of His enemies.

Jesus Was Rejected Because They Knew He Claimed Deity

"The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God." This is something it is well for us to remember—they had no delusions regarding the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ. They understood perfectly by things He said that He meant men to know that He was indeed the Son of the living God. And because of that, they charged Him with blasphemy. If He had only meant that inasmuch as all men have been created by God, there is a certain sense in which all are His offspring, there would be no blasphemy in that according to their own standard. But they knew, they understood that He claimed equality with God, as the Son of the Father who came from Heaven and became incarnate here on earth, and they charged Him therefore with blasphemy against the unity of the Godhead.

"When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid." We are told somewhere that the fear of man bringeth a snare, and this man, always politic, always concerned as to what others might think and what others might do, and what effect it might have upon him, was more afraid "and went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou?" Was he now really concerned? A little while before he had asked the question, "What is truth?" and did not even wait for an answer. Now when he hears the charge made, "He made himself the Son of God," is he really a bit concerned? Is he saying in his heart, "Can it be that this strange man before me is more than man, that there is something supernatural about him?" Was he for the moment in earnest when he asked the question, "Whence art thou?" At any rate, there was no evidence of repentance, there was no evidence of self-judgment, no evidence of integrity of heart.

So Jesus gave him no answer. Had he been earnestly desirous of learning the truth, we may be absolutely certain Christ would have answered his question in such a way as to have made clear to him who He really was. But Jesus never answers the cavalier. He never attempts to explain to the man who is determined to refuse the truth. He does not attempt to make clear the things that are dark to those who have no desire to submit themselves to the will of God. He says, "If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself." He knew that Pilate did not will to do the will of God. And Pilate is nettled because Jesus didn't reply, because He stands there as predicted in Isaiah, chapter 53, where we read, "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."

Then Pilate said unto Him, "Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?" and in

that he spoke his own condemnation. But Jesus answered, "Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above." He recognized that the powers that be are ordained of God, and Pilate therefore was set in that position as governor to do the will of God, and to administer justice. "Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin." There are, then, differences in guilt, and Jesus is saying that the chief priests and Judas and those who had to do with delivering Jesus over to judgment before Pilate were the guiltier. "He that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin." And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him. But he seeks to release Him in a way that will please the people. He is not ready to do the thing that he knows is right because it is right.

Because It Is Right Is Enough Reason for Every Honest Man to Accept Christ

You and I need to face that question—are we doing the thing that is right because we know it is right? Here is a man who all his life has known of the Lord Jesus Christ and every recurring Christmas time has reminded him afresh of the Son given and the child born, and he knows that he should open his heart to receive that Christ as his own personal Saviour, and yet the years go by and he does not act upon his convictions. In what sense is he different from Pilate, this vacillating man, this man who hadn't the courage of his convictions, this man who knew he should clear Jesus and yet eventually condemned Him to death? May we not ask ourselves the question—What is my attitude toward the Lord Jesus Christ today? Have I received Him? Am I confessing Him as Saviour and Lord? The Scripture says: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Have you confessed Him? "Whosoever therefore shall confess me," He says, "before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in Heaven." And He solemnly adds, "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in Heaven." Pilate denied Him, and Pilate has to face that for eternity. What is our attitude? What is your attitude? Have you confessed Him? Will you today confess Him as your Saviour and your Lord?

"From thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar."

And were they such ardent admirers of Caesar as their words would seem to imply? Not at all. They hated the very name of Caesar, and being under subjection to the Roman governor. They knew Pilate's weak point. They knew he wanted to keep in favor with Caesar. "This man is a traitor in opposition to the Roman government. If you let this man go, you are not Caesar's friend." And "when Pilate therefore heard that saying," because he was a political opportunist rather than a conscientious judge, "he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour [that is, about 6 o'clock in the morning]; and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him." Now ironically Pilate asks, "Shall I crucify your king?" as though he would insult them to their faces because deep in his heart he despises them as much as they hated him. And the chief priests, unthinkingly, almost for the moment, I am sure, put themselves on record, "We have no king but Caesar." And, oh, what they have suffered under the Caesars all through the centuries since. John's time, I might say in passing, is different from that in the three Synoptics. The Synoptics use Jewish time—John the Roman time.

If You Gain the World and Lose Your Soul?

Thus Pilate's last effort to save Jesus was ended. "Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified." Pilate has sold his soul for the approval of the world. Take care that you do not do the same. For Jesus Himself has asked, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). "And they took Jesus and led him away." And so we see Him going out to die, to die as the Lamb of God for our sins. But, oh, thank God, for the untold millions who through the centuries since have found in Him a Saviour, have found in His death redemption; and in His blood cleansing from all sin. A great host have already been gathered about Him in yonder Glory to acclaim Him as King of kings and Lord of lords. Thousands more on earth love and honor Him.

But, alas! alas! Pilate is in the outside place. For if we can trust early history, he died a suicide, still rejecting the one whom he had condemned to death that day in Jerusalem so long before.

We are going to sing a closing hymn.

"Ten thousand times ten thousand
In sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints
Throng up the steep of light:
'Tis finished, all is finished,
Their fight with death and sin:
Fling open wide the golden gates,
And let the victors in.

We will stand and sing this entire hymn, and while we are singing, I wonder if there are not some here today to whom we have spoken and God also has spoken, and you feel you ought to close with Christ. Like Pilate you have vacillated, like Pilate you have been untrue to your conscience. You have loved the praises of men more than the praise of God. But now at this Christmas time when the name of Jesus is on so many lips, God by His Spirit is speaking to you to come and He is asking you if you want to fling open wide the door of your heart and let the Saviour in? Won't you do it, won't you respond to Him? Perhaps you have already done it. If you have, won't you make your public confession of your faith? If you are not yet clear that you are saved, come forward anyway and somebody will be glad to speak with you. Whether you have trusted Him we invite you to come forward and pass into the inquiry room while we stand and sing.

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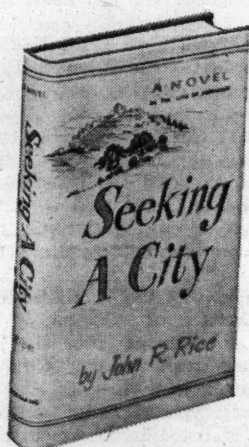
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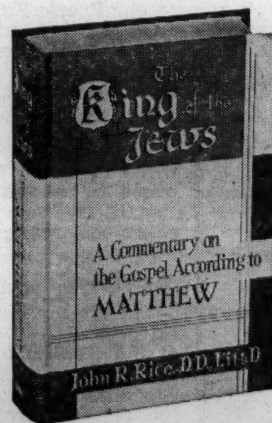
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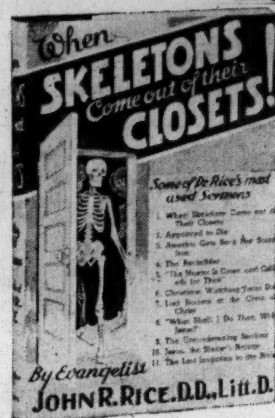
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Psalm 91

God Cares for His Own

- Clues Across**
- 1, 3, 6 "_____ upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble"
 - 9 "As a _____ when one awaketh" Psa. 73
 - 10 "the righteous runneth into it, and is _____" Prov. 18
 - 12 name of an altar (Josh 22:34)
 - 14 "nor for the _____ that flieth by day"
 - 16 to merit or deserve
 - 18 "He gave them _____ for rain" Psa. 105
 - 19 "Hide not thy face _____ from me" Psa. 27
 - 20 "give ear unto my _____ when I cry" Psa. 141
 - 22, 24, 25 "He shall call _____ I will answer him"
 - 26 "I will _____ also of all thy work" Psa. 77
 - 28 initials of two older brothers, both rejected by God (Gen. 4:5; Heb. 12:16)
 - 29 "_____ long life will I satisfy him"
 - 30 initials of the governor and king who heard Paul's testimony (Acts 25:22)
 - 32 "Because he hath set his love upon _____"
 - 33 a band of warriors
 - 36 "I _____ set him on high, because he hath known my name"
 - 38 "He shall call upon me, and I will _____ him"
 - 39 "and delivered me from _____ my fears" Psa. 34
 - 41 the sheltered side
 - 42 "That in the _____ to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace" Eph. 2
 - 44 "I will set _____ on high"
 - 45 a son of Benjamin (Gen. 46:21)
 - 46 "I will _____ him on high, because he hath known my name"
 - 47 advertisement (colloq.)
 - 48 "Thou shalt not be afraid _____ the terror by night"

- 4 "I _____ rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God" Psa. 84
- 5 "I _____ God, even thy God" Psa. 50
- 6 automobile
- 7 "Thou shalt not be _____ for the terror by night"
- 8 a northern constellation of stars
- 10 "With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my _____"
- 11 "I will say of the Lord, He is my _____"
- 13 "Casting all your care upon him; for he _____ for you" I Pet. 5:7
- 15 "Wherefore should the heathen say, _____ is their God?" Psa. 79
- 17 "thou hast set my feet in a large _____" Psa. 31
- 18 a descendant of Ham
- 21 "I have laid help upon _____ that is mighty" Psa. 89
- 23 "They are _____ every morning: great is thy faithfulness." Lam. 3
- 27 "How is gold become _____" Lam. 4
- 28 a lifetime work
- 30 "Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the _____"
- 31 "under his _____ shalt thou trust"
- 33 "He maketh the storm a _____" Psa. 107
- 34 initials of two kings who were good friends: king of Tyre; king of Israel (I Kings 9:11)
- 35 "Thou shalt _____ upon the lion and adder"
- 37 "_____ thou dash thy foot against a stone"
- 39 "Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, _____" Psa. 70
- 40 "the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the _____ of it" II Kings 12
- 43 initials of two mighty prophets of God (II Kings 2:14)
- 45 "mercy and truth shall _____ before thy face" Psa. 89

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Dee Dee, Series No. 1. Book No. 2

By Sylvia Glenn Honeywell

or God's Way and How to Find It

By C. H. Mackintosh



Dee Dee Series No. 1, Book No. 2

Once again we offer our puzzle fans a two-fold gift selection... Any one who ordered Dee Dee, Series No. 1, Book No. 1 when we made it available some weeks back will probably almost break his neck in his haste to correctly fill out this week's puzzle and rush it to our Puzzle Editor! The children (and we have an idea not a few adults) fell in love with Dee Dee, the calico cat. This second book in the series continues his adventures, along with David and David's parents, on a Canadian north woods vacation. Once again there are four big, multi-colored pages of cut-outs so that your "small fry" can set up another calico cat camping scene. He'll love it!

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The alternate selection is a helpful booklet by the famous author of the *Studies in the Pentateuch* set, C. H. Mackintosh. *God's Way and How to Find It* begins with the striking Scripture, "There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it" (Job 28:7, 8) and continues with the theme of God's guidance until it reaches the closing climax of John 10:27, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

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Wouldn't you like to help in this ministry for the Lord? Last year we had a deficit of several thousand dollars in the puzzle department. This year the deficit will probably be even greater because so many more people are working the puzzles. Some of you might be able to send a liberal check to help in this work. Then by all means, do it! But surely

try in foreign addresses.) This coupon will serve as your address label for the envelope containing your prize. Mail to: PUZZLE EDITOR, THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Wheaton, Illinois. If you do not wish to cut up your copy of the paper, you may print (not more than three inches wide) on a separate sheet of paper your name and address, and the answers according to the clue numbers given. Entries will not be returned.

3. In order for you to receive this week's prize, *Dee Dee, Series No. 1, Book No. 2* or *God's Way and How to Find It*, your entry must be postmarked by midnight, June 1, 1959. If your paper arrives after the deadline date, please place the date of arrival on the entry. The answer to Puzzle Number 21 will appear in the June 12 issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

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With the Evangelists

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Michigan. Pastor Floyd W. Hardy reports that 20 souls accepted Christ as personal Saviour and there were many rededications among Christians. Rev. Robert Welty of Atlanta, Georgia, was song leader for the meeting.

EVANGELIST TOM FAIR, 3431 Southeast 36th Avenue, Portland 2, Oregon, held a revival April 15 through 26 in the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Hazel Park, Michigan. Pastor Kenneth Ohrstrom reports 18 first-time decisions for Christ and over 50 decisions among Christians, with a real stirring among the people.

EVANGELIST GEORGE A. JACKSON of Stinnett, Texas, held a meeting recently in the Bruton Road Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. Rev. H. C. Adams, pastor, reports 11 conversions, 4 joining the church by letter, and many other decisions among Christians.

EVANGELIST BILLY MABRY of 330 Elm Street, Grenada, Mississippi, recently held a meeting in the East Side Baptist Church of Magee, Mississippi. There were 30 professions of faith, 12 joined the church by letter, and many other Christians made decisions for rededication, family altar, and other matters.

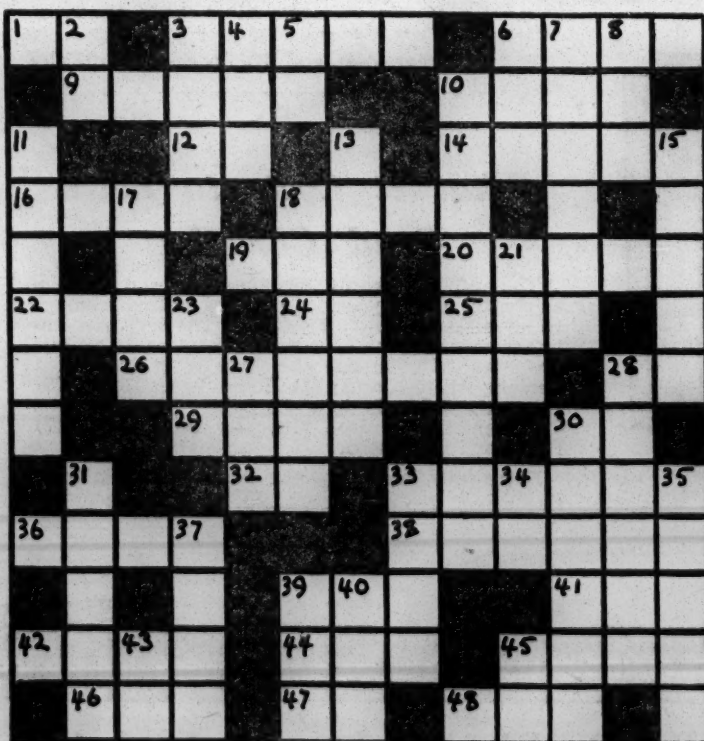
EVANGELIST BILL HALL, 129 White Oak Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, recently held a revival at the East Nashville Bible Church in Nashville, Tennessee. Pastor Carl R. Resener reports that this small independent church had a blessed revival with 2 first-time decisions and 14 rededications among Christians. He recommends Evangelist Hall as a strong, uncompromising preacher.

EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS of Box 417, Bethany, Oklahoma, recently held a two-week meeting at the First Baptist Church of Drumright, Oklahoma. Pastor J. L. Williams reports 30 baptisms, 6 joined the church by letter, 2 professions of faith who did not join the church, 1 surrendered to preach, and 21 made public rededications of their lives. The pastor recommends Brother Wells without reservation as a hard-working, soul-winning evangelist.

EVANGELIST JACK YOST, Route 2, Berwick, Pennsylvania, recently concluded a two-week evangelistic campaign in the First Hillsborough United Baptist Church, Hillsborough, New Brunswick, Canada. Pastor W. Floyd Haney reports 25 first-time decisions for Christ and numerous rededications of life to the Lord. Song Leader Mark Cortis of Ashabula, Ohio, was music director and soloist.

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By Viola Walden

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All of us know someone who has learned the secret of prayer and knows how to get things from God. Now that secret can be yours.

For a number of years Dr. John R. Rice has been recognized by Christian leaders as an authority on prayer. Thousands of people have written for advice and help on their prayer problems. Wherever he goes, his practical messages on prayer have been popular and helpful.

How You Can Claim Your Birthright!

Now you can learn to pray by reading his large 328 page book, *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*, the fruit of over 27 years of pastoral and counseling experience. This book bristles with thrilling accounts of answered prayer. You will read how God wonderfully provided a new car, rain, healing for his daughter, \$1,000 to pay printing bills—all in answer to prayer alone. You will thrill to the authentic story of how God healed a woman of tuberculosis after she had been given up by doctors and was sent home to die.

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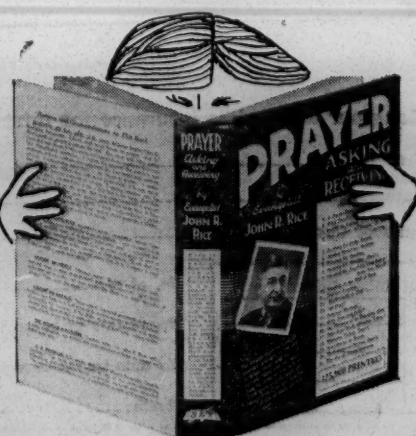
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The Blessing of Children

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in every little girl. Actually, homes without children are likely to be unhappy homes, likely to end in divorce. And married people who have no children are likely to become self-centered, unhappy and querulous old people with little to live for and little opportunity to be a blessing to the world.

It is a solemn duty for married people to have children. Children are the normal fruitage of marriage. Those who marry owe a duty to God, a duty to civilization, a duty to their mates and to themselves to bring children into this world and to rear them for God.

Normal People Desire Children

No literature in all the world reveals the heart of mankind as the Bible does. The Bible gives us examples of evil men and women. But thank God it also contains a vast picture gallery of good men and women and shows us what were their hearts' desires, what were their joys and hopes and triumphs and fears. The good people in the Bible longed to have children, rejoiced exceedingly when God gave little ones to them to rear for Him.

The first woman who ever cradled a baby in her arms was Mother Eve, and she exclaimed with joy, "I have gotten a man from the Lord" (Gen. 4:1). I can almost see the face of that woman. She who had first felt the birth pangs of travail to bring a child into the world and whose eyes were first lighted with mother love and whose arms had first circled a little mite, a baby, was happy! And that is the way all the good women in the Bible felt about babies.

Hear Sarah, rejoicing over her son given her when she was ninety years old, "God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me . . . Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age" (Gen. 21:6-7). And she named the child Isaac, meaning laughter, so that everyone who ever called his name would remember how happy his mother and father were when the little one came after long years of prayer!

When Rebecca left her home in the East to travel by camel to marry a man she had never seen, to become the bride of Isaac, her loved ones sent after her this blessing: "Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate

them" (Gen. 24:60). Above everything else they wished Rebecca to have the great blessing of a large family. And that wish was half prayer and half prophecy inspired of God, for this same Rebecca became the mother of the whole race of Israel from which came the prophets of God through whom He gave the Scriptures and from which came the Saviour Himself.

How Leah rejoiced in her children! After the birth of her first son Reuben, she said, "Surely the Lord hath looked upon my afflictions; now therefore my husband will love me." After the birth of Simeon she was comforted and said, "Because the Lord hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also" (Gen. 29:32-33). Almost as good as having a husband's love was to have a son! And when her third son, Levi, was born, she said, "Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons" (Gen. 29:34). When Judah was born, she said, "Now will I praise the Lord" (Gen. 29:35).

And what about the beloved Rachel, favorite of Jacob? Was she happy that her husband loved her best of all? No, she envied her unloved sister who had children, and she sobbed to Jacob, "Give me children, or else I die" (Gen. 30:1). When God gave children to their handmaids, to be called their own sons, these two sisters, wives of Jacob, greatly rejoiced. When Rachel had a son of her own she said, "God hath taken away my reproach" (Gen. 30:23). But when the one son was born, she immediately said, "The Lord shall add to me another son." When Leah had her sixth son she rejoiced still and said, "God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons" (Gen. 30:20). You see, these women measured their happiness by the number of their children. And they readily saw what so many women today fail to see, that married love depends very largely on the normal process of having children come into the home to bind husband and wife together and make the home what God intended it should be.

Let Hannah, the godly wife of Elkanah, become a model for Christian women everywhere. She had no son, though her husband loved her dearly. Poor Elkanah, troubled by a woman's tears, specially since they were from the eyes of his well loved Hannah,

said to her, "Hannah, why weep-est thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?" (I Sam. 1:8). A good husband and his loving care did not satisfy the heart of a woman which was made also to love little children. Such married love, she knew, ought naturally to culminate in offspring. And God noticed Hannah's fasting and tears and heard a heartbroken cry and gave her a child. She 'lent' that baby to the Lord to become a prophet, and he turned out to be Samuel, the great man of God. When children are so loved and longed for, they are likely to be specially blessed. When they come in answer to fervent prayer and when they are dedicated to God and reared for Him, how blessed are the results! More women should be like Hannah, who longed and prayed for a son.

When Elisha the prophet was given a prophet's chamber in the home of the great woman of Shunem, he tried to think what good thing he could do to reward her for her care of God's preacher. The very best thing he could think of to comfort her heart and reward her was to intercede with God for her that she might have a son. And God gave the son! No other happiness as great could have been given her. One who reads the narrative in II Kings, chapter 4, can sense how God feels about the blessing of children and how godly people also feel about the joy of the little ones that God sends to godly married couples.

In Luke, chapter 1, read how John the Baptist was given to aged Zacharias and his wife, Elisabeth. He could hardly believe it when the angel made to him the glad announcement, "Thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness, and many shall rejoice at his birth" (Luke 1:13-14). When the little one was born and Elisabeth brought forth her son "her neighbors and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her" (Luke 1:58). Would it not be blessed if every woman who is pregnant, every woman who is privileged to join with God in the creation of a human being, could feel as Elisabeth did? We are told, "And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived and hid herself five months, saying, Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men" (Luke 1:24-25). Such a blessing it is to have little children! How rich a mercy does God show on the man whom He allows to beget a child and on the woman whom He allows to conceive and bear a little one, her own baby, flesh of her flesh and bone of her bone!

Everywhere in the Bible it is implied that children are a great blessing sent from God. Psalm 127:3-5 states this expressly: "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate." Those who believe the Bible, those who feel about love and home and family as Bible Christians and saints did, will delight to have families and will pray that God will give them large families of sons and daughters, as the heritage of the Lord. "Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them."

How Children Bring Joy

We have said that it is normal for people to want children, and have shown that the Bible saints regarded it the greatest honor when God gave them children. Bible Christians wanted many children. The Bible expressly says that children are an heritage of the Lord and are God's reward, and that "happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them," that is, has many children. Now I should like for you to consider some of the great joys and blessings that come to the man and woman who have little sons and daughters born to them.

1. Children satisfy the inborn

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The Editor's Notes

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auditorium where several pastors and churches were co-operating when I could not come to single church campaigns in most cases. I want to accept every invitation that I can and have some ministry in every open door where time and God's leading permit me to go, and I will be deeply grateful if pastors will combine in plans for conferences and revivals so that I can reach as many people as possible in the time available.

Lake Louise Conference: We Hope Half the States in the Union Will Be Represented by Preachers and Christian Workers at the Sword Conference on Revival and Soul Winning June 29-July 5

The Fourth of July week is a date for the annual classic Sword of the Lord Conference at Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia. Christian workers come to this wonderful Christian resort, this million-dollar site, for vacation and Christian refreshing. Here on beautiful Lake Louise nestling among the pine-clad hills of north Georgia annually for twelve years people have come to wait on God to be refreshed and revived, to be filled with the Spirit, to learn soul-winning methods, and delight in the music and Bible teaching and preaching and Christian fellowship.

Seven days, from Monday, June 29, through Sunday, July 5, the

feast of good things will continue. Speakers include Dr. Tom Malone of Pontiac, Michigan; Dr. Sam Morris of San Antonio, Texas; Rev. Jack Hyles of famous Miller Road Baptist Church, Garland, Texas; Evangelist Bill Rice, Evangelist Walt Handford, and Editor John R. Rice. Singing will be led by the inimitable Bill Harvey, with Mrs. Joanna Rice at the piano, and with duets, new Rice songs and choruses. Afternoons, except July 4 and Sunday, will be free for fishing, boat rides, tennis, sight-seeing, and resting. Swimming with fine separate beaches for men and women.

\$10.50 for a Week

We will pay half the lodging and meals for preachers, missionaries, and ministerial students who will take dormitory accommodations. So for only \$10.50 a week you may live in Lake Louise Hotel, eat the fine meals, and enjoy the conference if you are in full-time Christian work or if you are a ministerial student. This is only for those who will stay in the men's dormitory, or women, Christian workers, who will stay in the girl's dormitory. Other fine rooms, some with air conditioning and private baths, some with connecting baths, are available at reasonable rates.

We expect the largest attendance and the most gracious results we have ever had in this great conference on revival and soul winning. Save the dates. Make reservations at once! Send \$1 (not returnable) to Lake Louise Conference Ground, Toccoa, Georgia, to hold the accommodations you ask for.

The Blessing of Children

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craving of a girl to be a mother and of a boy to be a father.

Every little girl who cuddles her doll, gives it a name, a personality, sees it experience all the ills of little children, loves it, chas-tises it, talks to it and has it talk back to her with baby talk, is a proof that God made girls to be-come women and women to be-come mothers. It is as natural for a woman to want a baby as for the stomach to cry for food, or a tired body to cry for rest. The woman who never has children of her own will lavish her heart's devotion on a dog, on a cat, on a parrot or a canary; or she will become self-centered and neurotic and abnormal, a picture of dissat-isfaction and frustration. God in-tended women to be mothers, and any wife who is not a mother has missed something of her God-ap-pointed heritage. Sometimes God wants women to remain single, and sometimes God in His wisdom sees fit not to give a married wo-man children, even when she de-sires them. Such women, in the will of God, may turn their energy and devotion to other causes and lavish their hearts' love and de-votion on other objects and be happy. One can always be happy in the will of God, and content with his lot, if he lives in trust and feels the presence of the Lord Jesus. But it is an obvious fact that women were made for motherhood, and there is a deep satisfaction, an abiding joy, a sense of the fulfillment of a wo-man's destiny, in having a child.

Any woman whose womb has not carried a child and who has not suffered in travail and felt the joy of creation, the feminine adulthood that comes with moth-ering a little one, has missed part of a woman's estate. Any woman whose breasts have never fed a little one, and whose arms have never held a tiny soft head against her bosom, and whose hands have never fondled the dimpled limbs of her own child, knows that she has missed part of that for which God made women. There is a ful-llment of natural instinct in motherhood.

Likewise, every man who has no child realizes that he has never quite fulfilled his destiny, never quite come to man's estate, in the full experience of the privileges of man. Part of that is manifested in the elation, the joy and pride that a father feels in his first-born. He has, in some sense, be-come of age! He has taken part with Deity in the creating of a little soul and body! His marriage has culminated in fruit, and he is a father. There is a great sense of well-being, a sense of the ful-llment of destiny, a sense of hav-ing what one's heart has always desired, when one becomes a par-ent. Parenthood fulfills instincts that are God-given, the deep-seat-ed cravings and desires that are a part of human nature itself.

2. Parents experience a growth in character that is impossible without having children.

Dr. Hyman Appelman, fruitful and mighty evangelist, tells how he returned home from evangelis-tic services to see his baby son, a few weeks old, and in the night woke the baby up. He said that when the little one waved his hands and more or less accident-ally caught his finger and held on, that he, the great evangelist that he is, with his tender heart, fell on his face and begged God to let him be the father to the child which he ought to be, and never to let him take one step that would cause the little fellow to believe his father was anything but the best man on earth! And Dr. Ap-pelman said also, "I knew more about how God felt about sinners the day I had to whip my little boy than I had ever known be-fore! I knew more about God's love and God's compassion and God's righteousness!" You see, there is a certain development of character, a certain appreciation of holy values, a certain under-standing of deepest spiritual truth that comes in being a father or in being a mother.

It seems that the nine months pass so slowly while the prospec-tive mother waits for the coming of the little one and while there are so many discomforts, so many unnamable fears, so many changes

taking place in her own character; but God makes a woman out of a slip of a girl who never before felt very seriously about life. When a woman goes into the valley of the shadow, and knows that for her pain, for her fears, for her travail, she has brought back a little life into the world, that wom-an, I think, can never be quite the same again. How often I have seen a frivolous girl, obsessed with her desire for pleasure, with no thought higher than her fashion-able clothes, her high-heeled shoes, her painted face or her hair-do, or a jazz band, suddenly become a mature woman, unselfish, think-ing only of the little one! How often I have seen a woman who never before was fully unselfish about anything, become the soul of unselfishness as she washed lit-tle clothes and waited over a sick baby, and wept and hoped and prayed and trusted, and rejoiced then that the little one lived! God uses a baby to make a woman out of a girl, to make, sometimes, an ordinary woman into a saint! I know that there are other things needed in the development of a woman's character, but certainly the bearing and rearing of chil-dren do something to a woman that she can never get any other way.

And every man has a right to want to be the biggest man in the world to somebody. Every man has a right to want the utmost love and pride and admiration and con-fidence of somebody. Every man has a right to be the provider, the

counselor of somebody. And who, pray, could that somebody be so well as his own little family, his children about him? What man ever felt his responsibility as much with others as he feels when his own little child thinks Daddy can fix anything? Whoever so much longed to be wise and good as a man does when his own child comes to believe that Daddy knows all about everything, and that whatever Daddy says is true?

No man can possibly feel as much need to live straight and clean before the birth of his children as he feels that need after they come to follow in his steps.

Children do something to make a husband and wife into mature people of character and responsi-bility and integrity. How blessed is the subtle effect of a little child upon his father and his mother!

3. God gives someone to love when he gives a little child.

The other day I saw a woman holding her little baby, kissing him, calling him pet names, over and over again saying, "I love you!" Her heart was running over with the most unselfish love of which woman's heart is capable. And with her love was happiness and joy. If she had the most ex-pensive automobile in the world it could not bring joy as that lit-tle baby did. If she had a twenty-room mansion, with six or eight servants, she could not be as re-joiced as she is with that little one God has given her. When God gives a baby, He gives someone for a mother or for a father to love.

I saw in the daily press a few

days ago an account of a father who killed himself. His sixteen-year-old son had died a few months before, and the father could never be reconciled. So he took his own life. His life had been wrapped up in his devotion to his son. The son had fulfilled all the needs of his love-hungry soul.

When a man has a baby, he loves his wife just as much, but he loves the baby in addition. That means that his joy is that much increased. When the second child comes along, strangely enough, the father can feel no diminution of his love for the first-born. But he simply enlarges his capacity to love, and with it his capacity for enjoyment and happiness. Blessed is the man who has many children because he loves much and has much reason for happiness.

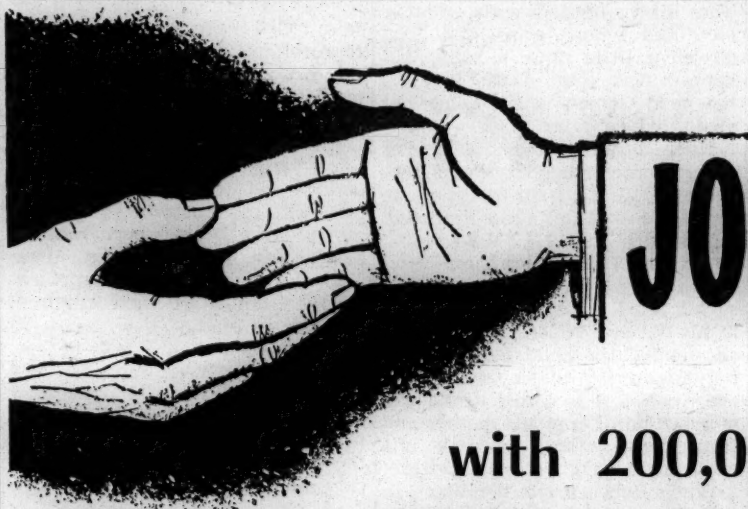
4. Children bind husband and wife together, make more sure the marriage tie.

Investigations and surveys have repeatedly proven that homes without children are more likely to be broken by divorce than homes with children. In the first place, a husband and wife who have a mutual object of their love in a child or in several children, have good reason to forgive and overlook the failures that are cer-tain to come, the differences of opinion that are inevitable with frail human beings. Instead of feeling perfectly free to throw the marriage vows to the wind and leave one another, a husband or wife with children feel that they must not leave the children, must not break the home, must not wreck other little lives. Then there is a sense of responsibility

about doing right. One naturally has a more active conscience if he feels accountable for the little ones he has brought into this world.

But in addition to that, married love grows much through the birth and training of little children. A husband and wife do not neces-sarily come to understand one an-other very well or to love one an-other very well just because they are married. They may be so busy, so diverse in their interests, and spend so little time with one another that love does not prop-erly develop, and the marriage does not have a safe background. But when God sends little children, their hearts are joined in the same love for this same little one. They plan together. They sacrifice to-gether. They work in partnership. Each is willing to give up his own way, partly, for the well-being of the little one. Little by little a man finds that he loves better the mother of his child than he loved the same woman when she was only his wife. A woman finds that she loves better the father of her child, the provider and pro-jector and counselor of her child than she loved the same man when he was simply her husband. The birth of children binds the home together. It makes marriage sweeter. It makes the love of husband and wife grow richer. Oh, how great are the blessings brought to a home by little chil-dren!

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